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Dear Mr. Bass:

This letter is in response to your March 5, 1991 letter regarding the office action received in the captioned application. I will respond to the points raised in your letter in the order they were presented.

1. The wording of claim 1 proposed by your associates is acceptable.

2. We would prefer not to limit the metal carbides to those of claim 2. However, if the examiner maintains this objection, then we will limit the claims to those metal carbides specifically listed in claim 2.

3. For claim 4, instead of cancelling this claim, we would prefer limiting the claim for a heat source in isolation to:

> "A heat source formed from materials of metal carbide, wherein the metal carbide is selected from the group consisting of iron carbide, aluminum carbide, titanium carbide, manganese carbide, tungsten carbide and niobium carbide, or mixtures of two or more thereof."

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There is support for these specific metal carbides on pages 5-6 and 12 of the specification.

4. and 5. We do not know of any other Pakistanian equivalents to the United States patents and European applications listed in the specification. I am enclosing copies of the publications listed on pages 5 and 12 of the specification (J.P. Senateur, Ann. Chem., vol. 2, p. 103 (1967); P. Courty and B. Delmon, C.R. Acad. Sci. Paris Ser. C., vol. 268, pp. 1874-75 (1969).

6. Please have your associates delete the offending wording from Page 15 of the Specifications.

Please send us a copy of the response when filed. If you have any questions regarding these comments, I may be reached at (212) 715-0642.

Sincerely,

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